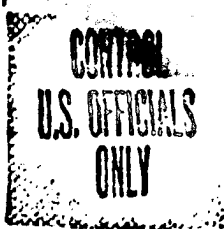


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1. Berlin: Long distance communication lines to the East have been run via Karlshorst to the I.G. Farben installation at Brunnensstrasse 188. The plant, which is making various types of chemicals for the Russians, is closely guarded. Soviet officers in uniform and civilian clothes staff the laboratories.
2. Berlin-Lichtenberg: The former post office on the Dettmerstrasse is now a central long distance communications office, with direct lines to Kiev, Moscow and Leningrad. Run by a Red Army Signal Corps detachment, it is connected with all military headquarters and field units in the Russian Zone; there is a direct line to Potsdam HQ via Central HQ. This is one of the largest long distance offices maintained by the Russians.
3. Berlin-Karlshorst: In size and number of lines this office is about the same as that in Lichtenberg, with connections to all military units numbering between 4,500 and 5,000.
4. Niesenthal (197): Maintained by a Russian Signal Corps unit, all its long distance lines go to the East. It is said to have been recently built and equipped, and large amplifiers have been installed.
5. Nerassprung (Q30): A few weeks ago, a Russian unit began to repair a former Wehrmacht radio station located north of the village on the shores of a small lake. Former Telefunken specialists have been ordered to do the work with material brought in by Soviet trucks. The schedule calls for occupation of the three buildings by a communications unit in autumn 1946.